

**DECLARATION PROCLAIMING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the Governor has issued a State of Emergency for the entire State of North Carolina due to the potential impacts from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; and

WHEREAS, declaring a State of Emergency and imposing the restrictions and prohibitions ordered herein is necessary to maintain order and protect public health, safety, and welfare, and to secure property; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with health care professionals and the Cabarrus Health Alliance ("CHA") and based upon guidance from the Center for Disease Control ("CDC") and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services ("NCDHHS"), arrangements must be made immediately to take such actions as are deemed necessary and appropriate to ensure that COVID-19 remains controlled and that residents of the City of Concord remain safe and healthy.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the City of Concord under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Chapter 26 of the City of Concord Code of Ordinances that:

Section 1. A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the city limits of the City of Concord.

Section 2. The emergency area covered by this state of emergency shall be the jurisdictional limits of the City of Concord to include any and all non-contiguous areas of the City.

Section 3. The following restrictions and prohibitions are hereby imposed:

A. Excessive Price Prohibitions: It is hereby unlawful to sell or rent or offer to sell or rent any goods or service which are consumed or used as a direct result of an emergency or which are consumed or used to preserve, protect or sustain life, health, safety or economic well-being of persons or their property with the knowledge and intent to charge a price that is unreasonably excessive under circumstances or engage in any price gouging practices as defined by Chapters 166A-19.23, 75-37 or 75-38 of the North Carolina General Statutes.

B. Restricted Access: Travel upon any public street, alley or roadway or upon any other public property, may be restricted or prohibited in identified areas and at certain dates and/or times as authorized by the City Council of the City of Concord except by those individual(s) in search of medical assistance, food or other commodity or service necessary to sustain the well-being of themselves or their immediate families or some member thereof.

C. Any other activities or conditions whereby the control of which may be reasonably necessary to maintain order and protect the lives and property during the State of Emergency.

Section 4. I hereby order all City of Concord law enforcement officers and employees and all other emergency management personnel subject to our control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration, all applicable local ordinances, state and federal laws, and the City of Concord Emergency Operations Plan.

Section 5. I hereby order this Declaration:

- (a) to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public;
- (b) to be filed with City Clerk and
- (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this Declaration.

Section 6. This Declaration shall take effect on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020 at 12:00 AM/PM and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

DECLARED this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020 at 12:00 AM/PM

ATTEST

Kim J. Deason, City Clerk



CITY OF CONCORD  
NORTH CAROLINA

William C. Dusch, Mayor